

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 28, 1883.

The "Times" and the Governor.

Our esteemed and courteous contemporary, the Philadelphia Times, at some length, explains that it has other causes for complaint against Gov. Pattison's administration than his "nomination of a recorder and of sealers of weights and measures before moving for the abolition of these offices;" and, in illustration of his "fatal surrender" to Pilgrim leadership and the "disorganization of the honest Democracy," it charges that "his attorney general, with his approval, had bargained away the large plunder of the office of sealers of weights and measures," and "the failure to demand the abolition of the office was because of the Pilgrim contracts to which he had made himself a party."

With respect to this charge, pointedly made before and now repeated, we have said before that it is one for the governor and his attorney general, at whom it is aimed by Col. McClure, on the authority, we understand, of Mr. Josephs, to answer. If it is denied, as it has not yet been publicly, the issue thus made will require the Times to produce the proof of its charge. Until that is forthcoming the honest Democracy of the state will not believe that any such surrender to Pilgrim leadership was made; it certainly has not been fatal; the reputable appointments of Messrs. Leisinger and Senseseder were no evidence of it, and hence it had no disorganizing tendency on the party at large in the state.

The Times indulges in the diffuse and vague charge that "every great reform demanded in this city, that directly affected the old Cameron bosses with whom the Pilgrim Democratic bosses have affiliated and divided, has been defeated at Harrisburg, and by the Pilgrim mastery in legislation and in perverting the power of the administration." This is not true. The editorial columns of the Times for months past have borne witness to the contrary. The proclamation of the Committee of One Hundred, to the effect that numerous reform measures, which sought passage in vain from former legislatures and succeeded in this, have become laws effectually contradicting the Times. These measures had the sympathy and secured the approval of the administration.

The defeat of the bill to repeal the boss liquor act of 1878, which the Times calls "the gravest failure in reform effort," was not chargeable to the state administration in any sense. The Times has at different times held the oil men, the speaker of the House, Mr. Singler, Mr. Cassidy and other in fluences responsible for that failure. And yet, far more than any of these, it knows that incompetent management of the bill defeated it. It suffered most from its friends, least from any influence the attorney general had in the Legislature—if he exercised it at all—and none from any interference of Gov. Pattison. It is true that the present Legislature has not done all that could have been hoped for in it; but what it has done of a salutary character, it seems to us, has been largely in accordance with the governor's recommendations; what it has failed to do has not been his fault; and what it has done ill-advisedly, he has largely corrected. On the whole his administration has been wise, honest and intelligent; and it strikes the public judgment. In its criticism of it the INTELLIGENCER moves by just as high a standard as the editor of the Times, who claims that he "can have no personal disappointments in politics," and "asks only of public officials, high and low, that they shall be faithful to their solemn pledges to the people who honored them."

Separate Orphans Courts.

A Reading correspondent writes to us in the matter of the orphans' court judgeship for Berks county, that the law establishing the court was not desired by the people; that it was passed without the thirty days advertisement being given that the constitution requires for proposed special legislation; that a remonstrance against it was presented to the Senate, but that it was not read in the House as it should have been; that the orphans' court is held in the county on but eleven days in the year; and that Judge Hagenman, who is active in pressing Mr. Schwartz into this judgeship is not aiming to adorn the bench with dignity, intelligence and honor, and that it is too much his habit to drag the judicial ermine in political mire.

We quite agree that Judge Hagenman has not a proper conception of the dignity and duty of his position and that it is unbecoming in him to exhibit himself as an active politician. Still that is "the nature of the beast," and the judge probably can't help it, but he certainly mistook his calling when he sought the ermine, as a great many of our judges have done. Men who reach the bench by political intrigue cannot change their natures and drop their habits when they get there; and they cannot afford it, either, for the time of their reelection comes around every ten years, and as they cannot earn a reputation by merit they need to look out for it by management.

We do not know whether or no the Berks county people wanted this orphans' court judgeship; but our correspondent does not state the case properly when he alleges that there is only eleven days business for the orphans' court judge. At present the common pleas judges delegate their orphans' court labors to auditors whom they appoint from the bar. There should be ample business in Berks county to keep an orphans' court judge busy during every day in the year; but there will be little business left for auditors in the distribution of decedents' estates. The simple question is whether it is better to have estates distributed by a score or two of lawyers as auditors or by one lawyer as a judge. The strength of the argument is all in favor of the distribution by a judge, as it should be the cheapest, promptest and most efficient way; and would be if the judge is fit for his place. It all turns on this.

By a good orphans' court judge, orphans' court business would be well administered; by a bad one it would be badly done, and it would be much better to take your chance with an auditor picked up out of the bar.

The advertising of this law was probably not required by the constitution, as it does not fairly come under the designation of a special law, the Legislature being especially authorized to appoint orphans' court judges in its discretion. Berks county will have no reason to complain of its judgeship if it gets a good one. Now is the time for its people to let their voice be heard. A good man on the orphans' court bench will be worth a good deal to them; a poor judge will be a very expensive nuisance.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch thinks that Governor Pattison is inconsistent in vetoing Pittsburgh's charter because it is a special law for Pittsburgh alone, forbidden by the constitution, while saying that he would be glad to approve some "well digested and comprehensive scheme for the government of that city." But the governor adds, "if it conforms to the requirements of the fundamental law." Pittsburgh can conformly with the requirements of the fundamental law prohibiting special legislation for cities by combining with Philadelphia to get up a first class charter adapted to large cities. Pittsburgh claims to have the 300,000 population which enables it to come in as a city of the first class, and why then does it want to stand out in cold solitude as a city of the second class? The supreme court has decided that a single city in a class may be legislated for, notwithstanding the constitution. But the supreme court has too often demonstrated its incapacity to read the constitution according to its spirit to entitle its judgment to any more consideration than it has received at the governor's hands.

Disreputable and distrusted is Dorsey, there never was any reason to doubt that he was the trusted agent of the Republican candidates and leaders in the presidential contest of 1880. The letters which he produces abundantly sustain this. "The plenty of money" raised for and spent in that campaign was furnished upon a good understanding between the candidates and the political bankers of their party.

If the Philadelphia Press is really anxious to make a comparison of the expense of Democratic and Republican administration at Harrisburg, we invite it to an examination of the cost to the state of "supplies" and contingencies under Republican Clerk of the House Huhn and Democratic Clerk of the House Meek. That is a good file for the Press to cut its teeth on.

The Berks county orphans' court judgeship returns to plague its inventors.

The presence of Butler was much more conspicuous at the Harvard dinner yesterday than the absence of the Hoars.

FORNEY'S Progress speaks of Lancaster as one of the "least advanced" cities it knows of. How many does it know of? Clearly Lancaster is not one of them.

MR. RANDALL and Mr. WATTERSON are guests together under Mr. Tilden's roof, and though Watterston says he loves Randall like a brother, he thinks his election as speaker would be a national calamity. What does Mr. Tilden think?

THOSE who expected Gov. Butler to make an ass of himself at the Harvard commencement evidently calculated without a proper appreciation of his fertility of resources. To have indulged in any public speech of a spiteful character because the overseers of the institution had refused to him the courtesy it has paid his predecessors, would only have helped to justify their conduct. He was smart enough to recognize this and dextrily improved the occasion to make friends where he had not known them before.

The bills which the governor vetoes today are the Roxbury bill which is objected to on the ground of special legislation; the bill giving the military organizations of Philadelphia money in the treasury; the proceeds of the sale of property at Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, and the bill equalizing the salaries of orphans' court and common pleas judges. Those features of the general appropriation bill, which provide pro tem compensation for salaried officers of the Legislature will also be negated by executive consent.

It having been assumed by the Republicans in their discussion of the subject in the Legislature that counties could not be grouped into districts to give the Democrats a majority of the congressmen from this state, George W. Morgan, of Philadelphia, set himself to work to demonstrate that such a result could be accomplished. As the product of skill and industry he produced a bill giving the Republicans thirteen sure districts and the Democrats fifteen, three of the latter by small majorities. The distribution is as follows: First five districts, Philadelphia; Sixth, Chester, Delaware; Seventh, Berks, Northampton; Eighth, Berks; Ninth, Lancaster; Tenth, Lehigh, Montgomery; Eleventh, Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna, Monroe; Twelfth, Luzerne, Columbia; Thirteenth, Schuylkill, Carbon; Fourteenth, Lebanon, Dauphin, Perry; Fifteenth, Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga, Potter; Sixteenth, Sullivan, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Union, Snyder; Seventeenth, Cumberland, York; Eighteenth, Adams, Franklin, Fulton; Nineteenth, Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon, Centre, Clinton; Twentieth, Fayette, Somerset, Westmoreland; Twenty-first, Indiana, Cambria, Blair; Twenty-second, Clearfield, Jefferson, Cameron, Elk, Forest, McKean, Warren; Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth, Allegheny; Twenty-fifth, Washington, Greene, Beaver; Twenty-sixth, Clarion, Armstrong, Butler; Twenty-seventh, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango; Twenty-eighth, Crawford and Erie. Of course, three of these districts, the 20th, 25th and 26th, are Democratic by slender majorities, but the bill shows what could be done if the Democrats were inclined to gerrymander the state even to the same extent as the McCracken bill does it.

MAIL NEWS.

MAILS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

The Republican State Nominations in Western States—Recent Happenings of Crime and Accident.

The Republican state convention of Iowa met yesterday in Des Moines, and elected Col. D. B. Henderson permanent chairman. Buren R. Sherman was renominated for governor and O. H. Manning for lieutenant governor by acclamation. After the ticket was completed resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of the prohibition amendment to the state constitution, adopted in 1882 by 29,974 majority, and for the enactment by the next legislature of laws for its enforcement; and insisting "upon such revenue laws as will encourage American industries and protect American labor, in order that American working men shall have a fair day's wages for a fair day's work, and which will tend to secure permanent employment."

The Republican convention of Minnesota met yesterday in St. Paul. Governor Hubbard was renominated by acclamation. Resolutions were adopted approving the river and harbor bill and the arrears of pension.

The annual session of the Prohibitionists of Missouri began in Warrensburg on Tuesday. The president of the association urged the necessity for funds "to put active men in the field," but advised against organizing a political party.

Yesterday a ballot for U. S. Senator in the New Hampshire Legislature resulted as follows: Bingham, 116; Rollins, 105; Patterson, 34; Briggs, 30; Stevens, 18; Marston, 14; scattered, 5. Necessary to a choice, 168.

The decision of the supreme court of Illinois in favor of the constitutionality of the Scott liquor tax law became known in Cincinnati on Tuesday, saloon keepers began at once to make payment under the law. The total revenue therefrom in that city estimated at \$30,000. "High ball" sales of liquor (except ale, wine and beer) to drink where sold is illegal, and though the law was generally a dead letter its repeal and the substitution of the tax gives saloons a legal standing in their business, which most of them appreciate.

Ex-Judge Badgley, in an opinion, states that the grand lodge of Freemasons of Montreal is subject to the penalties imposed in the act against secret societies, those only being exempt which are under the sanction of the England, Ireland, Scotland or Canada, they having got special acts passed granting them immunity. The grand lodge contemplates taking the matter into court.

A national convention of master plumbers met yesterday in New York. The object, besides effecting a permanent organization, is "to devise some means whereby practical plumbers can obtain plumbers' supplies from dealers as cheap as the same supplies are sold to speculators and contractors, who, it is said, buy not more than one-fourth the quantity the plumbers purchase." In the evening, W. E. Foster, of Virginia, was elected president, and Enoch Romick, of Pennsylvania, recording secretary.

CHIEF AND ACCIDENT.

The Train Train of Hooded and Disaster. A stage coach going from Helena to Deer Lodge in Montana, was stopped by two highwaymen about 3 o'clock on Saturday morning. John McCormick, a post trader, who sat on the box beside the driver, drew a revolver and fired on the robbers wounding one badly that he fled back into the brush. The other returned the fire, wounding one of the horses, whereupon the team took fright, and was soon beyond range of the robbers.

A 6-year-old daughter of James Johnston, of Huntville township, North Carolina, was found dead in her father's barn yesterday hanging by a halter. She was alone playing in the barn with a halter, one end of which was fastened to a door hinge, and it is supposed her foot slipped and she was hanging by the neck under her chin and breaking her neck.

A fire occurred yesterday afternoon in a heading in a breast at the Monitor colliery, situated about two miles from Mt. Carmel, Pa. Several men were overcome by gas and were carried out, and the origin and extent of the fire are at present unknown. The colliery employs over 500 men and boys.

A special dispatch from Greenville, Texas, to the New Orleans Times Democrat, says that a man named James, who committed an assault upon a lady, near Jefferson, was Wednesday taken from jail, and one hanged and the other burned to death.

William Ray, proprietor of a boarding house at Hines, Wednesday shot and instantly killed Thomas Dowdle and George Fox, two young men who had made threats against his life. Ray asserts that the act was in self defense.

The Buffalo Evening News publishes a number of articles, which are full of crudities in the management of the Soldiers and Sailors' home at Bath, New York. The affidavits are from inmates of the home.

The schooner Clara Bell, with a cargo of paving stones for New York, struck on Alexander's neck, near Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on Tuesday evening, and will be a total loss.

The steamer Rhiwidda, ashore near Torbay, Nova Scotia, is reported in so bad a position that there is no hope of saving her.

The yacht Wayward, reported by a telegram from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as probably lost, has been heard from. She was fog bound.

A fire in Nashville, Tennessee, Wednesday destroyed the building at Clark and Front streets, owned by one who had been damaged the Woodward building adjoining. The loss is estimated at \$49,000.

In an affray at Covingsville, Alabama, yesterday, William Mullins and Thomas Hall were shot and killed, and John Mullins was fatally wounded.

THE REMARKABLE SUICIDE.

Entirely French in his Character.

In Paris on Tuesday evening, the attention of the crowds of promenaders in the Quartier des Pyramides was attracted by a suicide, accomplished in a manner very eccentric, even for a great city like Paris. A gentleman, neatly and respectfully dressed, entered the restaurant "John Bull" at the corner of the Rue des Pyramides and the Place Jeanne d'Arc, and ordered an elaborate dinner. He consumed the delicacies set before him with evident relish, and after each dish or glass of wine he jotted down a few observations in a little book at the corner of the table. The satisfaction of a man who had achieved a thoroughly first-rate dinner. He then called for a glass of champagne and an excellent Havana cigar. He sipped the former and lighted the latter, and finally told the waiter to bring his bill.

The waiter turned his back, and the gentleman who had dined so agreeably removed the cigar from his lips and inserted in his mouth the muzzle of a revolver. He fired four bullets through his brain. A doctor was called, and the dead man was searched. They found absolutely nothing in his pockets except the note-book. On the first page of this were written in large bold characters the words, "Diner de la mort; Mes derniers impressions" (Dinner of death; My last impressions). The doctor in the style and unity of idea of an accomplished connoisseur. In the end he expressed his regret that he, an ex-officer in the French army, and decorated at that, should die as a *maitre de la mort*, or having striven during the whole of his life to *couper d'une belle Francaise*.

Great Damage in the State Regions of Northampton.

The Lehigh river has risen six feet since Wednesday morning, and is still rising, overflowing its banks in many places and flooding the towpaths, preventing the movement of canal boats. The rains continue to fall and the river will rise at least six feet more. The Baskill is also rising rapidly and is already over its banks. The Delaware is also rising, and a dispatch from Port Jervis at two o'clock said little or no rain had fallen there. The storm seems to centre in the Lehigh valley. The slate regions are suffering greatly. Bangor is practically a floating island, and the families are moving out. The trestlework of the Bangor & Portland road is washed away and the tracks three and four feet under water. The iron bridge at Martin's creek is swept away. The slate quarries are filling with water, and the Pennsylvania, Slatington & New England road and the Bangor & Portland road is washed away west of Portland. Naylor's dam, Long's dam, Piper's dam, part of Weiss dam on the Jacobus creek, Moll's dam, and the dam at the mouth of the Lehigh, besides other buildings, were washed away. The streams are still rising.

A Maniac's Escape and Capture.

Charles Edward Hanson, who was recently declared insane by the jury by which he was acquitted of killing Charles Ridgely White, of Howard county, escaped from Spring Grove asylum, near Baltimore, and was recaptured. His escape occasioned great excitement. He crawled out of the window of his cell about midnight and walked through the rain, without his coat, for a distance of twenty miles distant. When his family saw him he presented a pitiable sight. His clothing was thoroughly drenched and covered with mud.

The Archbishop Will.

When the late Archbishop Wood was admitted to probate yesterday by the register of wills. The petition for letters of administration gave \$10,800 as the value of the archbishop's estate. All the property and effects, real and personal, and the like, were found to be in the hands of the executor, and the effects shall have been held by me immediately preceding my decease." The executors named are Very Rev. Maurics A. Walsh, V. G., Rev. Nicholas Cantwell and Rev. Jas. E. Mulholland.

PERSONAL.

BISHOP O'HARA is prominently named for the successor to Archbishop Wood.

DR. H. S. BAUGHER, late of Howard university, has been elected to the professorship in Pennsylvania college, Gettysburg, vacated by Prof. Jacobs' resignation.

SENATOR VOORHEES has recently acquired the habit of taking snuff. He carries a neat ebony box in his trousers pocket, from which he takes a pinch of old rappee every ten or fifteen minutes.

SENATOR BAYARD, of Delaware, Justice Wood of the U. S. supreme court, Governor Waller, of Connecticut, and George W. M. Curtis, of New York, received the degree of LL. D., from Yale college yesterday.

H. S. McNEARHEADS the York county delegation to the Republican state convention. He was an independent last year and is the implacable enemy of Hiram Young, of the York Dispatch, who "had been" a candidate for state treasurer.

JOHN O. JAMES, the well known Philadelphia merchant who died on Tuesday, was a native of Bucks county, founder of the house of James, Kent, Santee & Co., and a liberal minded and active Democrat. He was a highly esteemed and worthy citizen, known and respected throughout the state.

COL. DAVID E. PARKER, recently appointed postmaster at Washington, D. C., is suffering severely from the laceration of both hands, and in consequence you have given me, a thought of unkindness toward her, would wipe it all away." This was the governor's triumph. Every man in the great hall joined in the applause until the rafters rang again and again. Three cheers were called for and the venerable clergyman rose and bowed and wept in response. The remaining sentences of the governor's speech were eulogistic of the students of Harvard whose death at the front is commemorated by the building in which the company was assembled, and at their conclusion the cheering was prolonged several minutes, the speaker rising and bowing again and again.

A Faithful Governor. Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, Rep.

As a fiscal officer Governor Pattison was not to be very despotically followed. The details; nothing was too trifling for his official notice, nothing escaped his vigilant scrutiny. So in the matter of the state finances he is looking with characteristic fidelity after the little leaks, and by so doing, killing a number of private petty raids upon the treasury, he will save a good round sum that, otherwise, would have been promiscuously scattered by legislative profligacy. It is quite certain that at the next session of the Legislature this man's claims for public bounty will be conspicuous by their absence.

Gov. HUBBARD was renominated by the Minnesota Republicans yesterday. A resolution was introduced condemning the action of those Republican legislators who refused to vote for Windom as senator after he had received the caucus nomination, and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 148 to 95.

BUTLER AT HARVARD.

HE CAPTURES POPULAR ENTHUSIASM.

How Old Men Talked at the Alumni Dinner—He Arouses the Enthusiasm of His Audience.

Gen. Butler went to the Harvard college alumni dinner Wednesday. The Lancers with their band, performed their historic duty to the six horse carriage in which his excellency and lieutenant governor Ames rode over the bridge, and President Elliott welcomed his guests at the door of Massachusetts hall. There were present about fifty gentlemen, most of the distinguished alumni, to a few of whom the governor was presented. There was no formality about the reception; in fact, the governor was left to his own resources and sought out and spoke with two or three in the crowd whom he knew. Among those present were: Hon. E. R. Hoar, president of the board of overseers; ex-President Hill, of the University; Hon. Charles Francis Adams, jr.; Judge Lowell, of the U. S. circuit court; Judge Colburn, of the supreme court, and members of the college government. When the procession marched to Elliott's theatre the main body of the alumni, headed by President Elliott, who then followed, conferred degrees on the 207 members of the graduating class and also announced the honorees of the day. Francis A. Walker, of Boston, received the degree of LL. D. Rev. Charles Babbidge, of the class of '23, received the degree of D. D. Mr. Pepprell for fifty years and was chaplain of the first (Sixth) Massachusetts regiment which was captured at Bunker's Hill. President Elliott entertained the governor during the interim which succeeded and escorted him into Memorial hall at 2 o'clock.

The Alumni Dinner.

Fully one thousand alumni were present at the dinner given at last night occupied the galleries overlooking the dinner tables. After Dean Gray, of the Divinity school, had asked the divine blessing and the veteran Sibley had led in the singing of the seventh psalm, Joseph H. Choate, of New York, the presiding officer, felicitously began the making of the toast. Choate pointed out pleasantly that the governor, who sat at his left, was present as the guest of the president and fellows and not of the alumni and made several other allusions, which could be taken either as compliments or as rebuffs, in the light of other words, were clearly intended in the latter sense. The older men among the alumni, prominent among them being several well known opponents of Butler, refrained from applauding these sallies, except when Mr. Choate alluded to the ideal stateship of John Adams, who placed in the quadrangle. President Elliott, in his address, stated that \$110,000 had been given to the college during the year, the income of which is to be expended as the faculty may see fit, and \$60,000, the income of which is to be added to the president's salary.

Governor Butler's speech.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.

Second Annual Meeting of the Association.

The alumni association of the Lancaster boys' and girls' high school, held its second annual meeting in the high school building last evening. The president, J. C. Gable, occupying the chair. There were about forty ladies and twenty five gentlemen present.

Prof. F. W. Haas, who presided at the piano, opened the exercises by playing the "Alumni March" after which the president introduced Mr. Henry W. Stein, who had been designated to read the history of the association prepared by Mr. Walter P. King, who has removed to the west and was unavoidably absent. The historical sketch was well written, containing a succinct account of the objects of the association, and many interesting and valuable suggestions.

"Emeralda" was sung by Miss Alice Marshall, and the "Hallelujah Chorus," effectively recited by Miss Carrie Tomber. After which Miss Ella Musser, soprano, and Miss Mary Suter, contralto, sang in fine voice a duet, entitled the "Maid of the Greenwood." An original essay, entitled "Distance Lends Enchantment to the View," was read by Miss Kate Shirk, and this was followed by a fine bass solo, "The Scout," by John Waful. Miss Nellie King recited with much feeling and fine expression the thrilling composition, "The Last Hymn," and this was followed by "The Vigilante," a solo well rendered by Frank McClain. Then followed a brief and rather one-sided talk on the question "Should industrial drawing be introduced into our public schools?" C. V. Lighty taking the affirmative, and John Snyder rather the negative, making it. A vocal solo "Waiting" by Miss Alice Marshall, an instrumental solo "Secret Love" by Prof. Haas, and a vocal solo "It is not True" followed in the order named and were well executed.

President Gable made a brief address in which he congratulated the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme, and hoped that the next meeting of the association would be much more largely attended.

A business meeting was then held, during which the minutes of last meeting were read and approved, an enrollment of members made, and the following named officers elected for the ensuing year: President—James C. Gable. 1st Vice President—Henry W. Stein. 2d Vice President—Miss Margie Eismann. Sec. Secretary—Geo. F. Eismann. Rec. Secretary—H. S. Spencer. Treasurer—Miss Amanda Landis. Historian—John Snyder.

The chairman announced the following standing committees: The Executive Committee—J. C. Gable, ex-officio, chairman; Miss Clara B. Huber, Miss Emma L. Downey, Miss Mary Dougherty and Miss Clara Spindler. Finance Committee—J. C. Gable, ex-officio, chairman; Miss Laura Paick, Miss Hattie Curtis, John M. Davidson and Isaac Hartman.

On motion of Mr. Snyder the thanks of the association were extended to the committee on programme for their excellent management in arranging the programme for the evening, and to those who so ably took part in the performance.

On motion the following named persons were elected honorary members of the association: Rev. J. C. Gable, ex-officio, chairman; Prof. J. P. McKisick, Miss Emma Powers, Prof. F. W. Haas, Prof. Geo. R. Glover, Miss Rachel F. Jackson, Mr. A. R. Stamy, Miss M. E. Gill and Miss Mary E. Palmer.

"Auld Lang Syne" was sung in chorus and the association adjourned. The high school commencement will commence in Fulton opera house to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock sharp. The committee of arrangement wish to impress upon directors, teachers and scholars the necessity of meeting at the high school building promptly at 7:30 a. m. and marching in a body to the opera house.

MEMORANDUM NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines. Mr. Hawley, editor of the Reading Eagle, sails for Europe to-day. Roger Howells, aged 70 years, committed suicide at Pittston on Wednesday by hanging.

Augustus Debar, a Pole, fell from the top of a light of stairs at Reading and received injuries from which he died in a few hours.

An unknown man, who was afterwards captured with his booty, entered the house of Dr. M. G. Preston at Northtown on Wednesday, and took an ice pitcher valued at \$100.

Hugh W. McCall, of York, has brought suit for libel against Hiram Young, editor of the York Dispatch. Mr. Young was arrested on a writ of habeas corpus and entered into recognizance of \$500 to appear in court.

Several hundred bricklayers in Reading have made a demand for \$2.75 per day, an increase of 25 cents in the present wages. With one or two exceptions all the contractors have complied with the demand.

The Ringold band of Reading have just received their new uniforms, which were made expressly to their order in France, and are patterned after the uniforms of the French infantry, consisting of a blue coat and red pants with black stripes.

The county roads and wheat fields around Reading have been badly washed by the heavy rains of yesterday. At Macaigue, on the East Penn railroad, a ditch 200 yards long and several feet deep was formed by the water and all trains were stopped. A large number of men were put to work but they can't accomplish much because of the rush of water.

The Phoenixville & West Chester rail road will be ready for operation July 1. The last rails were laid yesterday. Considerable lining up and ballasting remain to be done up yet, but the whole work will be completed in a few days. A party of prominent Philadelphia gentlemen intend visiting West Chester on Monday next by this new line.

The West Chester Village Record says: Frankford's breaking out of jail has started several other prisoners to digging, but as yet none of them has succeeded in getting away. Dunn, who got out of jail when Frankford and Robinson did, said he was a very desperate fellow. The prisoners are lonesome without Robison, used to sing to them in the evenings. Frankford is a very quiet man and is at present suffering with a large boil under his left arm. He spends most of his time walking the floor of his cell. Mundy still carries two balls, one in his arm and another in the abdomen.

The Philadelphia baseball club managers have evidently got hold of a great prize. A representative of the club went to Webster, Mass., and got away from the Webster strike pitcher, Arthur Haggerty, although not more than twenty years old, has a wonderful record thus far this year, not more than two or three hits per game having been averaged off his delivery. In one game of six innings he